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SUBJECT: ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU SALES TEAM

REF: STATE 214492 (NOTAL)

DEPARATMENT PASS ROBERT MANNION, FAS, USDA

1. EMBASSY OFFICER MET SEPTEMBER 12 WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL HANS-JOACHIM SKIRDE OF FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION NAHRUNG EXPORT-IMPORT TO DISCUSS ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU VISIT. SKIRDE SAID NAHRUNG WELCOMES THE OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH DIRECT CONTACT WITH AMERICAN SUPPLIERS AND LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING THE GROUP. WE AGREED THAT GROUP WOULD MEET AT NAHRUNG AT 10:00 A.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, FOR MEETING WITH SKIRDE AND OTHER OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPORT OF RELEVANT COMMODITIES. (NAHRUNG EXPORT-IMPORT IS THE STATE-CONTROLLED FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION WITH SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATING GDR IMPORTS OF A VARIETY OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING CORN, SOYBEANS AND BREEDING STOCK.)

2. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE A CUSTOMS OR SECURITY PROBLEM WITH 16 MM SOUND CAMERA. PRESENCE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT AT MEETINGS WITH GDR COUNTERPARTS WOULD, HOWEVER, PROBABLY HAVE STRONGLY INHIBITING EFFECT ON THEIR PRESENTATIONS.

3. OUR READING OF PROGRAM SUGGESTS TEAM WILL WISH TO
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CHECK OUT OF BERLIN HILTON MORNING OF OCTOBER 2 AND

PROCEED DIRECTLY TO MEETING IN EAST BERLIN. IT WOULD
SEEM SENSIBLE TO THEN EAT A LUNCH IN EAST BERLIN
(WITHOUT GUESTS, GIVEN TIME PRESSURE) AND PROCEED TO
SCHOENEFELD FOR DEPARTURE FOR WARSAW. IN THIS CONNEC-
TION, TEAM SHOULD ARRANGE FOR TRANSPORTATION IN WEST
BERLIN CAPABLE OF CROSSING INTO EAST, AND PLAN TO HAVE
THAT TRANSPORTATION REMAIN IN EAST UNTIL TEAM DELIVERED
TO SCHOENEFELD. COOPER

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